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IN FROM TESLIN LAKE

Many Have a Wrong Conception
of

OUTFITTING FOR THE TRIP

The Reported Teslin Lake Find
Without Foundation.

Glenora News, June 18, 1898.

Last evening there arrived in Glenora the leaders of one of the best known of all parties that have gone over the trail to Teslin Lake. The arrivals were J. H. Everett, Esq., and John Bone, of the Everett Rogers party from Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., and they had made the trip from Teslin to Telegraph in less than five days. To a News representative they told their story.

"We started from Teslin at 7:30 a. m. last Saturday and reached Telegraph at 7:15 a. m., Thursday. We each packed forty pounds on our backs and walked all the way. Equipped with the proper footwear we could have made it in less than four days."

Mr. Everett then told the story of the trip in detail, as follows:

STORY OF THE PARTY.

"The Everett-Rogers party (often referred to as the Dr. Rogers party) is composed of J. H. D. Everett, Dr. Rogers, John H. Bone, U. S. Peisch, Sam W. Kirvin and George Cota, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Ed. Rogers of Winnipeg, Andrew Nord of St. Paul, Einer Traana and Andrew Hogan of Minneapolis, and Mr. Johns of Melbourne Australia. They left Cottonwood Island March 8, and traveled over 800 miles on the ice, relaying, to reach Glenora, which they did twenty days after the start. They left Telegraph creek April 1 with 63 dogs, and a mule, and with the largest outfit that has gone in over the trail. They made it to a point on the Nahlin 60 miles beyond Telegraph before snow quit.

There they gave away or killed all of their dogs save six, and bought a pair of pack horses. They cached their outfit at the Nahlin, leaving Mr. Peisch in charge, and started in light to build boats at Long Lake. They were three weeks building their boats.

They built two boats at Long Lake packed their outfit to the boats and started up the lake to Teslin. Nord and Bone were the captains in charge. They made two portages, one of a quarter of a mile at the falls and one of three miles at a point four miles farther up. Two miles from the falls, Nord's boat capsized, (a tree fell on it) and spilled all the goods contained therein.

NEARLY DROWNING THREE MEN.

Hogan was on an island twelve hours before he could be rescued. From there on they had no trouble, and reached Teslin all right on June 4.

That was on the winter trail. The river is not used anymore for floating goods to Teslin. New trails have been made that shorten the route, and over them you must pack.

AT TESLIN CITY.

Teslin City is a town of about 150 inhabitants. The population is constantly changing, those there moving along, prospecting or traveling to Dawson or Selkirk, their place being taken by new arrivals from Glenora. There is a shipyard and sawmill in town. The mill has a capacity of about 15,000 feet per day, and the shipyard has just turned out a boat as large and fine as the Ogilvie. This boat is for the Canadian Development Co. It will be launched today, and will go into commission next week. On her first trip the Captain will run her only as far as Five Finger rapids, where he will turn her around and start back up stream to try her power. If she can travel up stream all right; he will make the run to Dawson at once. If not, he will increase her power before he makes the trip.

FOOD IS SCARCE.

In Teslin City food is scarce, and the price is high in consequence. Everything is \$1 a pound or higher. Salt and flour, and even nails, are \$1 a pound. Bacon is \$1.25, and tobacco \$2.50.

So far no gold strikes of any magnitude have been made near Teslin, although it is early for prospecting. One party who had prospected the shores of the Nih-sutlin-ni-ni river found colors in every pan, but not enough to pay for working it.

THE TESLIN TRAIL.

The Teslin route, so far as the trail is concerned: is in first class condition. The Donnelly party have cut forty-two miles of a trail ten to fifteen feet wide from the Nahlin to the farther end of Spruce mountain. It is by far the best part of the trail that side of the Nahlin. They deserve the great-

est credit and the government should reimburse them for the work they have done. At points on the Donnelly improvement one can look down the wide avenue of trail and see the route a mile ahead.

From Teslin Lake to the Donnelly trail the road is somewhat cut up with bog holes and fallen timber, a distance of thirty miles. It will be better in two or three weeks. The season there is not so far advanced as it is here. The frost is not out of the ground, and the trees have but just begun to leaf.

From there you have the forty-two miles of the Donnelly trail. A third of it is shelving, but it is all high and dry. Then there is twenty miles of fair trail, then ten miles of magnificent trail to the Nahlin. From the Nahlin to the H. M. Bay post, ten miles, the trail is magnificent, and is the best part of the road. From the H. B. P. it is good for six miles, then rocky for awhile, then you strike the wagon road.

They have nothing but good to say of the wagon road—the best wagon road they ever saw in a mountainous country.

PEOPLE THEY MET.

They met about 150 people on the road. They were all hurrying on to Teslin, pushing, pulling, crowding and all happy and working hard. They were taking in their outfits on wheelbarrows, on oxen, on horses, on their backs, in baby carriages, with dogs—any old way. They were all making good headway and filling up bog holes as they struck them and otherwise improving the trail.

The first pack train in to Teslin was one of eight horses. Next came the pack train of Callbreath & Wright and the French Count, forty animals, then one of twenty oxen. They passed fully 200 animals all told.

From 500 to 700 men have already reached Teslin, and most of them are out prospecting.

Messrs. Everett and Bone say it would be impossible to get in with wagons. Wheelbarrows are best. The most sensible way to pack is on animals.

TRANSPORTATION NOTES.

There are no engineering difficulties to be encountered in building a railroad or wagon road to Teslin Lake, and all who have made the trip are greatly disgusted with the government for not continuing the work. Mr. Everett says that he is not a betting man, but would wager \$1000 against \$200 that he can make the trip to Teslin and return on foot inside of eight days.

The price of forty cents a pound is exorbitant for packing to Teslin. The round trip can be made in a month. A pack animal will carry 300 pounds. That would be \$120 for that mule. Take forty animals and the returns would be \$4800 a month. For six trips the returns would be \$28,800. Feed in plenty can be found along the route. In places the feed has been destroyed by fire, but it is only necessary to go to the edge of the fire belt to find good feed. The last fifty miles to Teslin feed is scarce, but animals can browse during that part of the trip.

There is nothing to prevent pack animals from taking in all they can carry. The rivers on the route are all bridged.

THAT THIEF STORY.

The party is very much annoyed at the stories that have been manufactured about their alleged actions on the trip, but these stories have become so ludicrous and impossible that they can't feel very bad about them. They all sprung from circumstance. One of their pack animals got at a bale of hay belonging to an Englishman named Poore, and ate a corner off it. It was the only bale the Englishman had, and he went after Dr. Rogers hot-foot. He opened with unreasonable language, and the two had some words. They parted on bad terms, Dr. Rogers giving Poore a new and larger bale in place of the one in question, and taking his receipt therefor. This started the stories, some wag punning on the Englishman's name and saying they had attempted to "steal the only bundle of hay the 'Poore' man owned."

The story gained in the telling until they were spoken of as highwaymen and the Seattle Times of May 31 said: "The latest sensation on the trail is the raid of one Dr. Rogers and his twenty thieves, who made a quick journey through to the lake with twenty dogs, stealing outfits, hay, and horses and terrorizing the camps. Their clean-up was enormous. They fed the horses to the dogs as they could not use them. The police are after them."

In justice to the men the News will say that the stories told of them are made up of impossibilities. They are all men of means and eminently respectable. They had a large outfit and left over two tons of it behind because they could not pack it. It doesn't stand to reason that they would leave their own stuff behind to become a dead loss and appropriate others' stuff.

At Cottonwood Island they left 800

pounds of flour, and 2200 pounds of miscellaneous outfit. We have seen Neil Keith's receipt for same. The flour was brought to Glenora by steamboat after they had gone on, and sold for freight—almost the first man they met yesterday was the steamboat man, who told them the flour did not bring the amount of the freight, and that they owed him the difference—took the flour, sold it, kept all the money and asked for more.

Dr. Rogers has from \$1500 to \$2000 worth of drugs stored here that they could not take through.

Mr. Everett is a lawyer, a graduate of Ann Arbor of the class of '78. Mr. Bone is a well-known citizen of Sault Ste. Marie, and an athlete of local celebrity. Dr. Rogers is a physician and druggist of means, and every member of the party is a man of standing in the community in which he lives.

The Everett-Rogers party never traveled on Sunday. They held song service wherever Sunday overtook them. At the foot of Long Lake they stopped to care for one Chas. P. Boone of Charleston, Mo., who died there June 1, of a complication of diseases. Dr. Rogers attended him for three weeks, and they buried him where he died, Dr. Rogers offering prayers over the grave of the departed. The dead man's father is judge of the Superior court at Charleston, and they are taking out papers for him.

Mr. Everett offers \$1000 for any evidence that will prove that any member of his party took property that did not belong to them even to the value of a five cent piece.

At the second Tahltan they met a large detachment of soldiers on their way in. They took dinner with the soldiers and were handsomely treated. At the first Tahltan they met more soldiers. They brought information to the provincial police here, and are going to Vancouver on the first boat. This proves that the police have no complaints against them.

NOTES OF THE TRIP.

At Long Lake they sold some whipsawed lumber at the rate of \$200 per thousand. One Graham sold his lumber at \$250 per thousand.

They advise parties of two to five to go in light, and buy supplies at Dawson or Selkirk. They say it takes too long to put through an outfit—that it is cheaper in the long run to buy. It took them two months to get in with their outfit, and only five days to come out without it.

Their party will prospect the Pelly. Mr. Everett goes home on a matter of business, to return if the party strikes anything. Mr. Bone has business to attend to at home, and has the rheumatism besides. If this party strikes anything he can come back. If not, he is better off at home.

Mr. Everett's feet are badly blistered through wearing those "siwash abominations," moccasins. They say the proper foot-wear is miners' boots, with heavy soles and light uppers.

In conclusion they say that the trail is excellent; that they would not think of going in any other way; that the proper way is to send goods around by way of St. Michaels at 10 cents per pound and less to Dawson, and go in on foot over the Teslin trail.

Murder and Suicide.

TACOMA, June 15—At ten o'clock this morning Jim Bartlett, recently from Dyea, shot and killed Clarence Emory, bar-keeper of the City of Seattle, and Lillie Chandler, a woman who had lived with Bartlett at Dyea, and then shot and killed himself.

The tragedy occurred in Chilberg's restaurant, where Emory and the woman were taking breakfast. Jealousy is ascribed as the cause of the murder. The woman had left Bartlett in Dyea some four weeks ago, but Bartlett had followed her to Tacoma. He appeared in the restaurant about five minutes before the shooting, attracting attention by looking into the private boxes. When asked what he wanted he said he was looking for a couple, and a few moments later found the parties and promptly shot Emory, hitting him in the right breast.

The woman shouted murder, called for help, and succeeded in making her way out of the box when Bartlett shot her in the back, hitting her below the left shoulder. The third shot went wild, whereupon Bartlett turned the gun on himself, shooting himself twice over the heart.

All three were dead in a few minutes.

There was some talk of a beer famine here owing to the wreck of the water boat owned by the Eureka brewery. But through the able efforts of Capt. Wheeler and his equally able mate Nick in making three extra trips in the Montmorency, owned by the I. & S. Co., and working three shifts by moonlight the catastrophe was averted and Wrangel's thirst assuaged.

She Failed to Materialize.

One of our prominent citizens, on a recent date, expected the wife of his bosom from one of the Sound cities, so that together they might celebrate their wedding anniversary. He had made elaborate preparations for the event, stocking up his larder with Mumm's Extra Dry and other delicacies. He was a nervous, jubilant, and happy man for many days previous to the eventful date. The day came, the boat came, but no loving wife. About nine o'clock that night, ye local found him seated on the soft side of a plank, away out on the end of McKinnon's dock, near to the sad sea waves, his head resting in his hands, his eyes riveted on a slip of paper lying on the dock, said slip having fallen from his nerveless hands. Silently and with noiseless tread ye scribe stepped forward and possessed himself of the precious document. It was too good to keep from the JOURNAL'S numerous readers. Here it is:

BY WILDMAN AND HARRISON.

Those wedding bells were ringing, for they'd nothing else to do. At first I was impatient, for I was loafing too. I thought a little marriage would liven up the gloom. So I borrowed mother's coal oil stove, my wife paid for the room.

I thought we'd get on nicely, and together we would pull— But I found out that we harmonized like the "red rag and the bull."

There's daisy bells, and chestnut bells, and the bell with its knob on the door. But oh, the sound of wedding bells makes me feel awful sore.

CHORUS:

When those wedding bells were ringing, I bought wine and smoked havanas. The congregation thought it queer when the organ "peeled bananas." Telling lies with a soft affection. Thinking of the ring I bought. Just another fatal wedding—just another sucker caught.

Gillis and the Iceberg.

W. J. Gillis, Wrangel's obliging ice dealer has had an experience, which he is not likely to forget very soon. While out chasing icebergs recently he encountered one that almost proved his doom. He had captured a good sized berg, and had succeeded in getting it secured to the ice barge and was about to return, when he discovered another berg, which he describes as being about as large as Reid & Sylvester's hotel building, floating in with the tide. He sat on the beach and awaited the landing of the huge mountain of ice. He did not appreciate its size, for when it touched bottom it caused a tidal wave which almost swamped his ice barge and broke him up in business. It lifted the boat fully six feet out of the water and had it not been for the hasty action of Mr. Gillis in securing it, he would now be sitting on the island murmuring "what are the wild waves saying."

Distinguished Visitors.

Ex-Secretary and Mrs. John Sherman, passed through Wrangel Wednesday on the Cottage City. They were met at the boat by several members of the Chamber of Commerce, who, through its president, Mr. Thos. A. Willson, gave Mr. and Mrs. Sherman a hearty welcome to our city. On account of the short stay of the Cottage City, the distinguished visitor was not permitted to see much of Wrangel. Mr. Sherman said he was surprised at what he had seen of Alaska thus far, for he was not prepared to find it so thickly populated throughout southeastern Alaska, although he was aware that thousands had passed through to the interior during the past few months. He thinks that the future of Alaska is assured, and that it is a matter of but a short time until Congress will awaken to its necessities and give to it much needed legislation.

Daylight Jail-Break.

Wednesday afternoon the two thieves Barratt and Wilkes, who were confined in the Government jail, (?) for the burglary of Kobersteins cigar factory last week, effected an escape by tearing out one of the windows on the north side of the jail. They made their way to the water front near Col. Crittenden's residence and ran along the beach in the direction of the new Davidge wharf. Wilkes was recaptured and returned to the jail, and for fear that the structure would fall down and permit him to again escape Marshal Grant has secured him a good sized ball and chain. Barrett is still at large, but will return as soon as he gets hungry, as the jail has been his home so long he will not know how to make a living outside.

The steamer Tordenskjold, Capt. Nickerson, arrived from Victoria Monday night. This vessel is enroute to St. Michael going as convoy to the river steamers Victorian, Capt. Lewis, Canadian, Capt. Martin and Columbian, Capt. Foster. The two latter named will steam through, but the Victorian will be towed by the steamer with the awful name.

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Build the water works.

"Hizzoner" returned on the City of Seattle.

Congress has appropriated \$186,137.90 for improvements on the naval dry dock at Port Orchard, Washington.

It is now probable that a few yards of JUSTICE will be measured out to those who have so patiently awaited the return of the Court.

There is no reason why Wrangel should not be supplied with good water. A little work and a few dollars in money is all that is necessary.

The Stikene River JOURNAL is a bright, breezy sheet, and improves with age. Its latest enterprise is sending a courier to Lake Teslin to obtain the latest reliable news. Ballard, (Wash.) Union.

The Alaskan, of Sitka seems called upon to defend certain public officials and condemn others. Wait until the "maists have rolled away" - or in other words, wait till you hear from Washington.

The news of Mann & McKenzie accepting the \$1000 per mile subsidy to build a railroad from Glenora to Teslin, coming from the source it does, should be received with just a grain of allowance. The authority we do not consider good.

Collector J. W. Ivey, has left for the Yukon with ten deputies, says the P.-I. of the 19th inst., for the purpose of enforcing the liquor laws. During the interview Mr. Ivey made some serious charges against certain officials in Wrangel, one of whom is K. M. Jackson, U. S. Court Commissioner, which, if true, should result in their immediate removal from office.

The Alaskan, of Sitka, the paper which is printed with a proof planer and a mallet, says that the Stikene River JOURNAL "was established by the Canadians to boom a route for them to the Klondike, subsidized by the Canadian Pacific R. R. and heavily backed by Victoria business men." This is news to us, but if it is any satisfaction to this snail sheet to print such stuff, we will not object. The truth is, that the Alaskan is jealous because it is not worthy a subsidy.

Registry Exchanges

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By arrangement with the Canadian Postal Administration, two new registry exchanges will be commenced on July 1, 1898, as follows:

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All postmasters in the United States having registered mail for dispatch to the above-named places in British Columbia will enclose such mail with registry bills in registered package envelopes which they will address to postmaster at the exchange postoffice of Fort Wrangel, Alaska.

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The Department of Marine and Fisheries of Canada has made arrangements for a system of signaling at Little Canyon, on the Stikene River, to prevent collisions therein. Immediately after the opening of navigation a station will be established at each end of the canyon, at which signals will be displayed for the guidance of vessels.

A white ball, or disc, hoisted to the top of a mast will denote that the channel is clear, and that a vessel may enter the canyon from the end at which the ball is displayed.

A black drum, or square, will denote that the channel is not clear, and a vessel must not enter the canyon on any consideration when the drums is displayed.

The drum and ball shown together will be a signal between the two stations for information of the signaller, and no vessel may enter the canyon when this signal is shown.

In the event of vessels approaching the canyon from both ends simultaneously, the upward bound vessel will be held below the canyon until the descending vessel has run the canyon.

One prolonged blast of a steamer's whistle will be a request to the signaller to show the all clear signal.

In any other part of the river within Canadian territory, if a vessel is warping up, a downward bound vessel must keep clear of her and her warping lines, stopping and tying up if necessary to prevent collision.

In the event of two vessels simultaneously approaching a place where warping is required, the upward bound vessel must allow the downward bound vessel to pass before running out her warping line. Two long blasts followed by two short blasts of a steamer's whistle will be a signal that she is actually engaged in warping. These rules will be established by Order in Council under the provisions of Chapter 70, Revised Statutes of Canada, and amending orders, and will have the force of law. They are not intended to supersede, but are to be in addition to the ordinary rule of the road.

By Order, W. M. ANDERSON, Chief Engineer, Department of Marine and Fisheries of Canada, Wrangel, 19th April, 1898.

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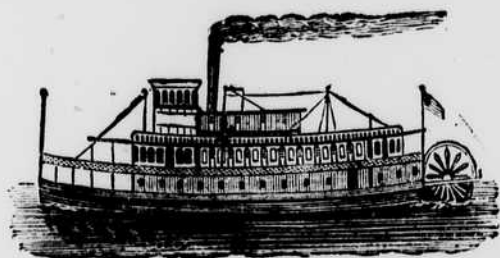
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1. A middle ground steel can buoy on Ripple rock, knee passage, between Thurler and Helmsken Islands. There is only ten feet on a pine rock where seven fathoms are shown on the charts.

2. A steel platform buoy, surrounded by a pyramidal skirtwork with a diamond at the apex, on Halfpelt, Seaforth channel, replacing the spar buoy heretofore mentioned there.

3. A black steel can buoy on Hewitt Rock, Hilkish narrows, close to the 10 foot spot.

W. M. P. ANDERSON, Chief Engineer, Dominion Department of Marine and Fisheries, Fort Wrangel, Alaska, 29th April, 1898.

CITIZENS OF WRANGEL.

You are requested by the Fort Wrangel Chamber of Commerce to use all due diligence and haste in clearing your door yards of any cable and square which may be there, to place the same in a proper receptacle, and remove it to the beach at intervals of not less than three times a week.

By observing this, you will be doing your part towards saving our now healthy city from sickness and disease during the coming hot season. Very respectfully,

P. C. CAMPBELL, M. D., GEO. W. BLOOMHART, PETER C. JENSEN, Sanitary Committee for the Fort Wrangel Chamber of Commerce, Fort Wrangel, Alaska, May 3, 1898.

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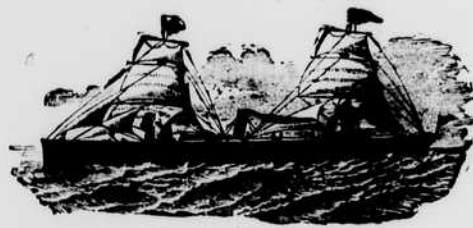
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Wrangel has a great many persons who have been up and down the Stikeen river, some only once, some a number of times, but there are very few who can give information regarding points of interest along the river. There are steamboat captains who run regularly from Wrangel to Glenora who are unable to give distances between given points, and who would not venture to say that the first canyon is more than 90 miles or less than 120 miles from Wrangel.

One of the best informed men on the Stikeen river country to be found anywhere is Mr. F. E. Lynch, of Wrangel, who has spent the best part of his life engaged in mercantile business and prospecting in the Cassiar country, and along the Stikeen river. The writer is indebted to him for a great deal of the information here given.

The Stikeen river has its source in the country lying between the Cassiar mountains and the coast range. It flows in a southwesterly direction and empties into the bay about five miles from the head of Wrangel Island. That part of the river above the big canyon is unexplored and practically unknown, but from Telegraph Creek to Point Rosey the river has been navigated for a great many years.

The country through which the Stikeen river runs is mountainous from source to mouth and is in consequence very winding. The average width is about one third of a mile, but at points it widens out to a distance of about one and a half miles, and again is contracted into a distance of less than two hundred feet, depending upon the distance between the high mountains through which it passes. At places where the channel is wide, the river forms a slough depositing vast quantities of sand and gravel, which in time form islands covered with a thick growth of Cottonwood. In such places the channel is constantly changing, washing away islands and forming others, and leaving a great quantity of drift wood or snags to be washed down and be deposited on sand bars below, to become a constant menace to the navigator. The rapidity with which this change is accomplished is wonderful and seldom does a season pass without the navigator being compelled to find an entire new channel. Where there is any doubt regarding the depth of the water, soundings are made and frequently the steamers are compelled to back out and try another way. The narrowest point on the river below Telegraph Creek is at the first or small canyon, 40 miles below Glenora, where the river is contracted into such a small space that at extreme high water it is impossible of navigation on account of the current, which at such places forms a very dangerous rapid, while at low water it becomes as smooth as a mill pond.

There are innumerable islands in the river, especially below the canyon, the most important of which is Cottonwood Island, and is situated at the mouth of the river. It is five miles long, narrow, with low banks, and covered with a thick growth of cottonwood. Of the rivers and creeks emptying into the Stikeen below the canyon the most important are the Iskoot and the Porcupine. The Iskoot empties into the Stikeen about thirty-five miles above Cottonwood Island, and a little above the point known as the old boundary line. The Porcupine empties into the Stikeen about fifteen miles above the mouth of the Iskoot. Between the Iskoot and the Porcupine on the opposite side of the Stikeen lies the Stikeen glacier, extending a distance of five miles along the bank of the river and running back into the narrow opening through which it passes, a distance of at least twenty miles. Although some persons claim that this glacier extends back more than twice the distance.

In addition to this glacier there are a great many other glaciers below the canyon, mostly on the left bank, most important of which are the Muddy glacier, ten miles above the Stikeen glacier, and the Flood glacier just above the Barley cache. The Flood glacier feeds a small lake at its base, which is confined by snow and ice and other debris, but which breaks away at times and floods the river below causing it to rise as much as seven feet.

The great hot springs are located almost opposite the center of the Stikeen glacier.

The distance from Wrangel to the first canyon is approximately 100 miles and the river for this distance flows through the coast range, while above the canyon it flows through what is known as the dry belt. The change is very noticeable, especially so to a person travelling on the river during the winter season. During the month of March there was as much as ten feet of snow on the ground at a point five miles below the canyon, while at a

point above the canyon, equally distant, the ground was perfectly bare. Below the canyon the weather is influenced by the ocean current, and at the time mentioned, was almost constantly rain or snow, while above the canyon it was dry and cold. It was this rain and snow forming slush on the lower river that prevented many a prospector from reaching Teslin lake this spring. Above the canyon the river has not nearly as many islands, the banks are nearer together and the river is easier to navigate. There are no glaciers of consequence and the only river between the canyon and Glenora of note is the Clearwater. About midway between Glenora and Telegraph Creek, standing up in the center of the stream are three perpendicular rocks known as "The Doctors." Above "The Doctors" and at the head of steamboat navigation on the Stikeen river is the village of Telegraph Creek, situated at the mouth of the creek of the same name. Above Telegraph Creek, about 5 miles, is the lower end of the big canyon, which extends for a distance of sixty miles. In this canyon the river is not navigable for even canoes on account of the perpendicular cliffs and swift rapids, making it impossible to line a boat up.

The country through which the Stikeen river passes contains some game, mostly mountain goat and bear, also ducks and geese. There are very few fish to be caught in the stream and mining has never been made to pay, above the first canyon a number of quartz ledges have been discovered, but in every case where capital has been invested the undertaking has proven a losing venture.

As early as 35 years ago placer mining was tried on the bars, but except at Carpenter's bar, above "The Doctors," where \$75 to the man per day is said to have been taken out early in the 60's, nothing of consequence has been found, and while small quantities of gold can be washed out on almost any bar, even Chinamen fail to make a living washing the gravel. The great gold belt lies beyond in the region north of Teslin lake and on the creeks draining the Cassiar mountains beyond Dease Lake. When this country is proved up the Stikeen river will become the natural highway for supplies from tide water and Wrangel will become the largest city in Alaska.

Concert and Lecture.

The entertainment and lecture at the opera house on Wednesday night drew a crowded house. Mr. and Mrs. McKinnon were unavoidably absent on account of the severe illness of Mrs. McKinnon. Captain Willson held the attention of the audience through a select reading, which was well received. Mr. Willoughby Clark occupied a brief space of time with a few well chosen remarks. Miss Beebe was also present and delighted those present by one of her many charming recitations. Following the entertainment Mr. B. A. Stephens delivered a lecture entitled "Wrangel and its Resources, or How to build a city of Twenty-five Thousand Inhabitants." Mr. Stephens handled the subject in a very able manner, and was listened to throughout with wrap attention. It is stated that a club, to be known as the 25,000 club, was organized at the close of the meeting.

The floor of the main office of Clark, Ingersoll & Weymouth, has been covered with linoleum, and now presents a handsome appearance.

There will be a mass meeting of citizens in the court house this (Saturday) evening at half past eight o'clock to make arrangements for the celebration of the Fourth of July.

A meeting of the executive committee of the Chamber of Commerce was called for two o'clock Monday afternoon, but owing to the fact that no quorum was present an adjournment was taken for one week.

The Cottage City arrived Wednesday at 11:30 with a large list of passengers, mostly excursionists. The Cottage City is running in place of the Steamer Queen and will go to the Muir glacier each trip during the summer season.

An unconfirmed report comes from Skagway, that the McCormick party, numbering about sixty people, together with a large number of cattle and horses had been drowned at the White Horse rapids. This is distressing news and, it is hoped, will prove untrue.

Wm. Kinnarny has purchased a half interest in the Victoria House, and has assumed the management of the same in connection with Harry Day. This place will be remodeled and improved making it one of the most popular resorts in Wrangel. The boys are well and favorably known and it goes without saying, they will succeed.

R. Ready and N. James returned from an extended prospecting trip Thursday morning. They brought in some very nice looking rock and feel assured that they have struck something better than anything yet brought in. Mr. James is an old prospector and is familiar with the country surrounding Wrangel. It is his earnest belief that rich ledges will yet be discovered in this vicinity and that our city will profit largely from the development of the same. Let the good work go on.

LOCAL NEWS.

Build the water works.

The Caledonia returned from Glenora yesterday.

The annual election of officers for Co. A, N. G. A. will occur on next Thursday evening.

Wm. Tamaree has purchased a neat little steam launch which will be used as a tender to his fishing boats.

Mr. and Mrs. Willett left for St. Michaels on Friday morning on the river steamer Victorian.

Mr. F. H. Hamilton left on the City of Seattle, for Dawson, via the Dalton trail. Mr. Hamilton's family will remain in Wrangel.

The steamer City of Seattle arrived in port at three o'clock Thursday morning and departed for northern ports at six o'clock.

The steamer Casca, left for Glenora Friday morning with a good list of passengers and freight. A large number of sheep were shipped on this trip for the interior.

The government launch Cosmos arrived in port Monday from Sita. The little craft left Monday night for a cruise around the southern coast as far as Cape Fox.

Messrs. L. H. Wakefield, Geo. Williams and Wm. Cruise returned Thursday evening from a three days' deer hunt on Zarambo island. They report a pleasant time and three fine deer.

A warrant has been issued for the arrest of Henry Sirr, Edward Grim and George Rineason, charged with disposing of goods, the property of another. It seems to be a mixed up affair, and will probably not be settled outside of the district court. F. J. Hunt was also arrested for purchasing a portion of the goods, and the preliminary hearing was held this morning.

PERSONAL.

United States Marshal Shoup, passed through the town Wednesday, on the Cottage city, on his way to Sitka.

E. Boothe, the former manager of the opera house returned on the City of Seattle from a visit to the Sound.

Mrs. H. E. Weymouth and child, left on the Topeku Wednesday for Brainard, Minnesota, where she will remain for the summer.

N. D. Walling, ex-mayor of Everett, Wash., was in the city on Wednesday last. He went to Dyca and from there he expects to go to Dawson.

Prof. Evans, of the U. S. Geological survey, passed through Wrangel Wednesday, enroute to Kodiak, where he goes on business connected with the government.

Daniel Bass, ex-prosecuting attorney of King county under John F. Miller, was a passenger on the Cottage City enroute to Skagway. Mr. Bass met many old acquaintances during his short stay here.

Mrs. P. C. Campbell, wife of Dr. P. C. Campbell, arrived on the Cottage City Wednesday, and will remain permanently in Wrangel. The many readers of the JOURNAL extend a cordial welcome to Mrs. Campbell.

Miss Kelsey, for the past five or six years teacher of our public school, departed for her home in Pennsylvania on the steamer Tartar last week. Miss Kelsey had many friends in Alaska who will regret to learn that she has severed her connection with the school and will not return.

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